

Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter

Application No. 09/810,501

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Respectfully submitted,

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For: POLYNUCLEIC ACIDS ISOLATED)
FROM A PORCINE REPRODUCTIVE)
AND RESPIRATORY SYNDROME)
VIRUS (PRRSV), PROTEINS)
ENCODED BY THE POLYNUCLEIC)
ACIDS, VACCINES BASED ON THE)
PROTEINS AND/OR POLYNUCLEIC)
ACIDS, A METHOD OF PROTECTING)
A PIG FROM A PRRSV AND A)
METHOD OF DETECTING A PRRSV)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

Foreign Patent Documents

International Publication No. WO 96/06619, published March 7, 1996.


Other Documents

X.-J. Meng et al., *Arch Virol.* (1995) 140:745-55, Springer-Verlag, Austria; and

X.-J. Meng et al., *J. Gen. Virol.* (1995) 76:3181-88, Society of General Microbiology, Great Britain.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

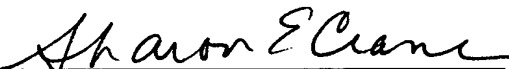
The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/019,793 naming as inventors Prem S. Paul and Yanjin Zhang and filed on February 6, 1998 and copending application number 08/301,435 naming as inventors Prem S. Paul, Xiang-Jin Meng, Patrick Halbur, Igor Morozov and Melissa A. Lum and filed on September 1, 1994, and the documents cited therein, a copy of each copending application is enclosed.

 In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (February 2000, page 600-107), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that these copending applications have been considered. By citation to these copending applications, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of these copending applications under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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